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In re Application of: Bradley M. Wilkinson et al.

Application No.: 09/771,394

Filed: January 26, 2001

For: Surgical Scalpel

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Becton, Dickinson and Company

Application No./Patent No.: 09/771,394

Filed/Issue Date: January 26, 2001

Titled:

Becton, Dickinson and Company, a Corporation

(Name of Assignee)

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states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in;
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3. ☐ the assignee of an undivided interest in the entirety of (a complete assignment from one of the joint inventors was made)
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☒ As required by 37 CFR 3.73(b)(1)(i), the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was, or concurrently is being, submitted for recordation pursuant to 37 CFR 3.11.

[NOTE: A separate copy (i.e., a true copy of the original assignment document(s)) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 3, to record the assignment in the records of the USPTO. See MPEP 302.08]

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

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Signature

March 12, 2010

Date

David W. Highet

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Title

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Supplemental Sheet Listing Additional Documents in the Chain of Title

Assignment of Anthony J. Kosinski dated January 19, 2001
(Assigning interest in U.S. Patent No. 6,053,929 to Becton, Dickinson and Company)

Dated: March 29, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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ASSIGNMENT

U.S. Patent No. 6,053,929
Issued: April 25, 2000

WHEREAS, I, Anthony J. Kosinski (hereinafter called "Assignor"), have made certain new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to:

SURGICAL SCALPEL

embodied in U.S. Patent No. 6,053,929 which issued on April 25, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Becton Dickinson and Company, a corporation of the State of New Jersey, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest therein:


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for and in consideration of the premises and in acknowledgment, confirmation and performance of obligations which arose out of the terms and conditions of Assignor's employment by Assignee at the time the invention was made, and/or other valuable considerations to him, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignor has assigned and transferred, and does hereby assign and transfer unto said Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to all said inventions and discoveries disclosed in said patent, and in and to said patent, all substitutions, divisions, and continuations thereof, and in and to all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, that may be granted for said inventions and discoveries, and in and to all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor if this Assignment and sale had not been made;

And Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue all of said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignor covenants and agrees with said Assignee that he has a full and unencumbered title to the inventions and discoveries above described and hereby assigned, which title he warrants unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignor further covenants and agrees that he will, whenever requested, but without cost to him, promptly communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to him relating to said inventions and discoveries, testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said inventions and discoveries, and execute any additional papers that may be necessary to enable said Assignee or its representatives, successors, nominees, or assigns to secure full and complete protection for the said inventions and discoveries or that may be necessary to vest in said Assignee the complete title to the said inventions and discoveries and patents hereby conveyed and to enable it to record said title.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 19 day of January, 2001.

 1/19/01 (L.S.)
ANTHONY J. KOSINSKI

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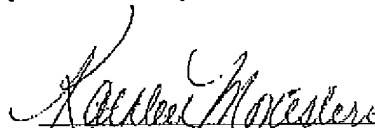
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BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 19 day of January, 2001, before me, a Notary public, personally appeared ANTHONY J. KOSINSKI, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.



KATHLEEN MONESTER, Public

A Notary Public of New Jersey

My Commission Expires June 28, 2004